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In response to 'Chicago's day off,' Aug. 18 edition

Just commenting on the column "Chicago's taking Monday off." I think its a great idea & the city would save a ton of money. This way ppl dnt hav 2 worry about losing their jobs. I'm sure they wouldnt mind a day off or evn jus wrkn a half day instead of losing their jobs completely!

—MZ.DAVIS GARFIELD PARK

In response to "Friend divorce," Aug. 17 edition: If they stole money from me or anything else for that matter.

—KEITH M. EASTSIDE

If they never reciprocate my deeds of favors to them.

—S. OLIVER, PARK FOREST
A betrayal of trust.
—DAVID, CHICAGO

Being unable to resist flirting with my man, then being afraid to introduce me to her man.

—S. JACKSON, SOUTH SIDE

chicago Chicago's day off

City calls it a reduced service day—goal is to help balance budget.

—leading to

Aye, aye caption

Text us a funny caption for the photo at left and we'll print the best in an edition of RedEye. To give it a shot, text the word **"caption"** followed by your brief caption and your name to **87708**. Good luck!

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To mix

Take a cocktail class from mixologist Adam Seger with a theme of herbs and heirloom tomatoes Thursday

from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Nacional 27 (325 W. Huron St.). The class is \$20. Make your reservations at n27chicago.com.

To drink

Celebrate National Lemonade Day with a \$5 Lemonhead Martini (normally \$11.50) on Thursday at Luxbar (18 E. Bellevue Pl.).

To taste

Enjoy a free sample of the new Budweiser Select 55 and half-price appetizers from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Bull & Bear (431 N. Wells St.).



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Careerbuilder.com recently asked 2,667 hiring managers and human resources workers to share some of the oddest complaints they received from employees.

Examples included everything from an employee being too tan to a male employee using the women's restroom because it's cleaner.

LOL. Wanting more, we asked our Twitter followers for your biggest beefs when it comes to your co-workers (past or present). These are pretty awesome.

Tell you one thing that is not annoying: RedEye on Twitter. Follow us today at twitter.com/redeyechicago.

COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG

@laman When I worked at GameStop, one of my coworkers had to sing his ABCs to know where to look for a game in the drawers.

@plamorte answering inter-office calls w/ your full name & title..we both have caller ID, just pick up and say "Hey Pat", you jackass

@welense My biggest office pet peeve is when people refer to other people as resources. Yes, you can print that.

@chuckolliva my biggest beef with co-workers is when they are so nice to u in person and then they talk smack about u on Facebook.

@vomviersen Going w/the cookie-eater, specifically the one who eats all the Pinwheels out of the Maurice Lenell assortment must die!

@esplo Coworkers who reschedule or cancel meetings < 5 minutes before they are supposed to start make me wanna strangle kittens

@beth1170 I hate when people come to my desk and just "perch" there blabbing on and on, not getting my hints that they should go away.

@Vic773 I got a write-up once for bringing my guitar to work after a gig. They claimed it was too big.



Smoke billows Wednesday near the Iraqi Foreign Ministry (left) after a massive bomb attack in Baghdad. A series of explosions struck the Iraqi capital, targeting primarily government and commercial buildings, killing dozens of people and wounding many more Iraqi officials said. AP

IRAQ'S DEADLY REMINDER

VIOLENCE IN BAGHDAD KILLS AT LEAST 95

Associated Press

A truck bomb exploded across the street from Iraq's Foreign Ministry near the Green Zone on Wednesday, knocking out concrete slabs and windows and leaving a mass of charred cars outside as a wave of explosions around Baghdad killed at least 95 people and wounded more than 400.

A suicide truck bomber also targeted the Finance Ministry minutes earlier in the deadliest apparently coordinated attack in Iraq so far this year—a major challenge to Iraqi control of Baghdad. A steady escalation of attacks following the June 30 withdrawal of U.S. troops from urban areas has heightened fears that government troops are not ready to provide security.

Iraqi officials blamed Al Qaeda in Iraq and other Sunni insurgents, echoing U.S. military warnings that the militant group is trying to provoke new bloodshed to undermine public trust in the Shiite-led Iraqi government.

"The terrorists are trying to rekindle the cycle of violence

of previous years by creating an atmosphere of tension among the Iraqi people," Iraqi President Jalal Talabani said in a statement. "Our security forces must be more alert and firm. Also, the political groups must unite."

Sunni and Shiite extremists remain active in Iraq, and the U.S. military has detected some political violence ahead of next year's national elections. But truck bombs and suicide attacks bear the hallmarks of Al Qaeda in Iraq.

The attacks dealt a new blow to Iraqi government efforts to restore a sense of normalcy in the capital as the overall level of violence remains low compared with recent years. Iraqi security forces have promised to remove concrete blast walls from the main roads in Baghdad by mid-September with the aim of improving appearance and easing traffic congestion.

Gen. Ray Odierno, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, said Monday that he wanted to deploy U.S. soldiers alongside Iraqi and Kurdish troops in northern Iraq where some of the worst attacks in recent weeks have been carried out.

EXIT PLAN

U.S. troops withdrew from Iraq's cities on June 30 under a security pact that outlines the American withdrawal by the end of 2011. President Obama has ordered all U.S. combat troops out of Iraq by Aug. 31, 2010, leaving a contingency of up to 50,000 U.S. troops in training and advising roles.

Sobering numbers

The number of women arrested for drunken driving has jumped nearly 30 percent in the past decade. The number of men arrested under the influence fell 7.5 percent during the same period. Despite the new trend, drunken driving arrests remain dominated by men. Here are some other numbers. AP

1998
 **676,911** Men arrested for being under the influence
 **126,000** Women arrested for being under the influence

10 Number of states where officials say the number of impaired women involved in a fatal crash increased.

2007
626,371 Men arrested for being under the influence
162,493 Women arrested for being under the influence

2,000 About this many alcohol-related deaths involve women every year.

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CHECK IT OUT
Mark Bazer hosts "The Interview Show" 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4 at The Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. Guests include actor Joey Slotnick and Hot Doug's owner Doug Sohn.

Get me to the nearest Web connection!

Reading the news on my Web-enabled smartphone handset-free mobile device as I bumped along on the bus, I came upon a headline that posed a question of such gravity that my touch screen-touching finger went numb.

"Is Penelope Cruz Pregnant?"

What!? Could this be possible? I had never even known that Penelope Cruz had sexual intercourse. But now there was a possibility she was pregnant?

After a few minutes of furious shaking of my finger, I reached for the headline link. I closed my eyes (thinking, "Do I want Penelope Cruz to be pregnant, or not pregnant? Which will bring me the most happiness?"), pressed down on the link and ... nothing. The article wouldn't load! I pressed again. Still nothing.

Was there something wrong with my post-numbness finger? I grabbed the hand of the guy next to me and pressed his finger to the link. Still nothing. The guy grabbed my Web-enabled smartphone handset-free mobile device and tossed it against the window.

But that didn't do the trick either. I tried Google, Yahoo!, my Facebook friends' status updates, then Digg, Reddit, del.icio.us, StumbleUpon and finally my Twitter feed. None worked. We were outside my data plan—and still several minutes away from my office!

Fortunately, my instant messaging still functioned, and I sent an all-contacts message—to friends, co-workers, the Chinese food joint near my home—asking to check the "Is Penelope Cruz Pregnant?" link and text me ASAP.

When no answer came, I went down the contacts list and started calling. Andrew didn't pick up. Audrey's number wasn't in service. Brett was at practice and couldn't talk. The Chinese joint put me on hold.

On and on, until Mom. "Let me go upstairs and turn on the computer," she said. "But your father and I have had trouble with the printer."

"That shouldn't affect what I need, Mom," I answered. But I was wrong. Somehow, my parents had rigged their Internet service so that it did go through their printer. "OK, Mom, thanks anyways." "You're welcome, honey. I really doubt she's preg—"

We were at my stop and there was no time to waste. I bolted out of the bus, down the street to my office and up to my cubicle. At last! ... No! ... The servers were down! I rifled through an old Rolodex I had buried in a drawer and found the number for Penelope Cruz's agent. "Why don't you ask Penelope herself? She's standing right here," the agent said.

"Hi, Mark, this is Penelope Cruz," Penelope Cruz said.

"Hi, Penelope," I said. "Thank goodness I got a hold of you. My Internet's not working, and I'm dying to know the answer to something. Would you do me a favor and click on the link to this article ..."

MARK BAZER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

CORRECTION Wednesday's story about Chicago recycling incorrectly identified the location of the drop-off recycling center used by Kelly Bohnet of Lincoln Park. The correct location is Sheffield, Lincoln and Wrightwood Avenues.



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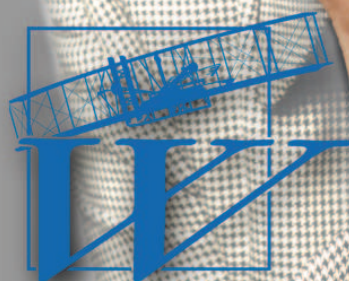
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Police destroy Palos pot farm

Officials on Wednesday destroyed an elaborate marijuana-growing operation tucked away in a patch of woods in Palos Township. In all, authorities burned about 6,000 marijuana plants that were being cultivated in six fields along a stream in the Edward M. Sneed Forest Preserve. If harvested, the 12,000 pounds of pot would have had an estimated street value of almost \$2.5 million, according to Forest Preserve Police Chief Richard Waszak.

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Dolphin in a suit

Woman sues Brookfield Zoo over fall she blames on wet, slippery floor

Chicago Tribune

Wet floors are slippery. Dolphins love to splash. So the folks who run the Brookfield Zoo should have known accidents were bound to happen, according to a lawsuit filed Tuesday in Cook County Circuit Court.

Allecyn Edwards sued the Chicago Zoological Society and the zoo because she claims they “recklessly and willfully trained and encouraged the dolphins to throw water at the spectators in the stands making the floor wet and slippery,” “failed to provide warnings of the slippery floor;”

and “failed to provide mats ... when the staff knew the floor would get wet and slippery,” among other negligent acts, according to the complaint.

On Aug. 20, 2008, Edwards was walking along the floor near bleachers at the dolphin exhibit and fell, the suit says. The injuries from the fall caused her to lose wages, incur medical expenses and experience physical and mental suffering, the suit says.

Edwards’ attorney did not return calls for comment, and a spokeswoman for the Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, declined to comment.

And how much is a fall around dolphins at play worth? In excess of \$50,000, according to the lawsuit.

Two men beaten, robbed in Lakeview

Chicago Tribune

Chicago police are investigating the muggings of two Lakeview men who were beaten and robbed by two groups of men Wednesday morning within a half-hour of each other, police said.

The first attack involved a 59-year-old man who was walking to work on the 900 block of West School Street at about 5:25 a.m., said Chicago Police Officer Michael Fitzpatrick.

In that case, the man said about five or six men in their 20s came up to him from behind, punched him and threw him to the ground, said Fitzpatrick. The men took his wallet and fled on foot, Fitzpatrick said.

The man said two of the men wore white T-shirts and dark pants. He did not offer descrip-

tions for the others.

About a half-hour later at 5:51 a.m. on the 3200 block of North Wilton Avenue a 41-year-old man was approached from behind by three or four men in their 20s and robbed of his wallet and cell phone, Fitzpatrick said.

The man was hit by the men and sustained minor bruises to his left eye and cheek bone before the men fled, Fitzpatrick said. The man was treated on the scene. The man said one of his attackers was wearing a white T-shirt and jeans and two of the men wore dark shirts and jeans.

Chicago police are investigating whether the two incidents are part of other muggings that have been occurring on the North Side over the past several weeks.



Liz Bryant (left) speaks with volunteer Dennis Delavara of the Greater Chicago Food Depository to sign up last week for the Express Stamps food program. "It was good, it was quick, it was easy," Bryant said after receiving \$222 for the month of August. **NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE**

Food stamps, made easy

Liz Bryant didn't think she had the time to apply for food stamps. The thought of waiting in line for hours at a bureaucratic state office—and then another month for the help to arrive—sounded nightmarish for the 22-year-old single mother.

But with only a part-time job to provide for her 2 1/2-year-old son, Bryant knew she needed help putting food on the table. Then her father told her about a new program at the Irving Park Community Food Bank called Express Stamps, a 15-minute process that let her sign up for temporary food stamps, right in her own neighborhood, without the bureaucrats.

"It was good, it was quick, it was easy," Bryant said after she was granted \$222 for

the month of August. "It's mostly for my son—fruit snacks, vegetables—anything that I can get for him."

Bryant is just the kind of person the creators of the Express Stamps program want to reach. The program aims to get assistance to those who qualify as quickly as possible, dishing out a month's worth of stamps on the spot. It's a stopgap measure intended to coax the disadvantaged into getting their foot in the system's door.

"A whole lot of times, people come to us when they're at the end," said John Psiharis, the Irving Park pantry's executive director. "They come here to the food pantry and we're able to put a little band-aid on the problem, give them some food to deal with

their immediate needs. But this is something that helps them deal more with their longer-term situation."

The Irving Park pantry is one of two sites in Cook County where the Greater Chicago Food Depository is launching the trial Express Stamps program. At Irving Park, Greater Chicago Food Bank volunteers ask the questions, plugging Social Security numbers, paycheck information and other data into Web-connected laptops.

If applicants qualify, they're handed an Illinois Link card—the state's way of disbursing stamp benefits—that can usually be used in less than a week, once the Illinois Department of Human Services mails them a PIN number.

Off-duty firefighter beaten in Lincoln Park

A 24-year-old off-duty Chicago firefighter was in serious condition Wednesday after he was severely beaten on the city's North Side.

Police responded to an emergency call at about 4 a.m. and found the man, who suffered internal injuries and facial fractures, on the street near Halsted Street and Dickens Avenue, said Chicago Police News Affairs Officer Amina Greer.

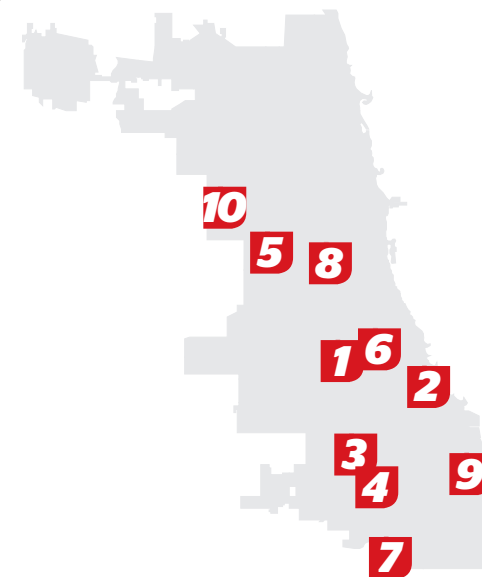
Police said two men were taken in custody, but no charges have been filed. The attack did not appear to be random or related to a robbery, and there were no indications the beating was connected to recent attacks and robberies in Lincoln Park and Lakeview, sources said.

Severe storms roll through the area

Thunderstorms pounded the Chicago area Wednesday evening, prompting the National Weather Service to issue a severe weather alert and tornado watches for northeastern Illinois and northwest Indiana.

Tornado watches issued by the National Weather Service expired at 7 p.m. for the following counties: Cook, DuPage, Ogle, Lee, Dekalb, Kane, Kendall, Grundy, LaSalle, Livingston, Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee and Will.

Meteorologist Tim Halbach of the National Weather Service office in Romeoville said most of the Chicago-area damage was from straight-line wind gusts, although there was a probable tornado touchdown north of Elburn in Kane County.



Homicide tracker

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Chicago saw its second double homicide case of the month last week, according to a RedEye analysis of preliminary police information.

Two men in their 20s were shot to death in South Shore on Aug. 13. A couple was shot to death five days earlier in Roseland.

Prior to that, the last double homicide case was July 5, when two men were shot to death in Woodlawn. There have been 11 double homicide cases so far this year, and one triple homicide case (three teenagers shot to death in South Chicago in February), RedEye found.

There were 18 homicide cases with multiple victims in 2008, a police spokeswoman told RedEye earlier this year.

This month, 33 homicides have been recorded. Chicago police logged 49 murders in August 2008. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

Homicides from Aug. 12 to 4 p.m. Wednesday (Note: The East 71st Street location had two victims; all other locations had one victim.)

- 1 1200 BLOCK OF W. 61ST ST.**
Date: Aug. 12 Cause: Gunshot
- 2 1800 BLOCK OF E. 71ST ST.**
Date: Aug. 13 Cause: Gunshot
- 3 9500 BLOCK OF S. WALLACE ST.**
Date: Aug. 14 Cause: Gunshot
- 4 10700 BLOCK OF S. LAFAYETTE AVE.**
Date: Aug. 14 Cause: Gunshot
- 5 1600 BLOCK OF S. DRAKE AVE.**
Date: Aug. 15 Cause: Gunshot
- 6 5500 BLOCK OF S. MICHIGAN AVE.**
Date: Aug. 15 Cause: Gunshot
- 7 300 BLOCK OF E. 132ND PLACE**
Date: Aug. 15 Cause: Trauma, child abuse
- 8 1700 BLOCK OF W. CERMAK RD.**
Date: Aug. 16 Cause: Gunshot
- 9 10200 BLOCK OF S. EWING AVE.**
Date: Aug. 17 Cause: Gunshot
- 10 5200 BLOCK OF W. FERDINAND ST.**
Date: Aug. 18 Cause: Gunshot



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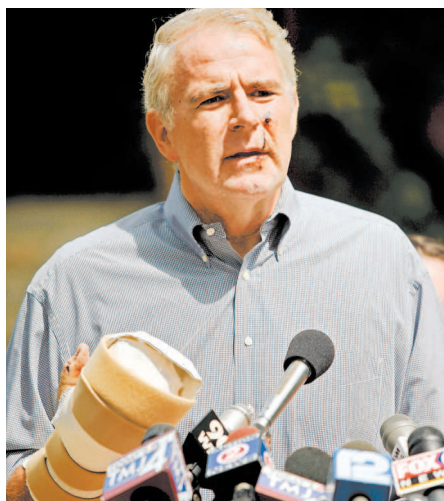
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Milwaukee mayor speaks

1 A bloodied scab on his face and his shattered hand bound by a bulky cast, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett said Wednesday his decision to intervene in a domestic dispute got “very ugly” quickly, but he did what any good citizen should have done. **AP PHOTO**

New hope

2 The White House is hopeful about improved relations with North Korea after a delegation from the communist country met in the U.S. with New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson.

Don't mess with Bill

Hurricane Bill howled over the open Atlantic as a dangerous Category 4 storm Wednesday, and it could be energized by warmer waters as it moves north.

Even more minimum?

3 Colorado's lowest-paid workers could make even less money next year. That's because the state has an adjustable minimum wage that may become the first in the nation to drop slightly along with the cost of living.

Flu epidemic

4 The new strain of influenza has already reached epidemic proportions in Japan, Health, Labor and Welfare Minister Yoichi Masuzoe said Wednesday in Tokyo.

Taxi vs. bus

5 The entrepreneurs who move commuters around Johannesburg are threatening to strike next month to protest a new public bus system.

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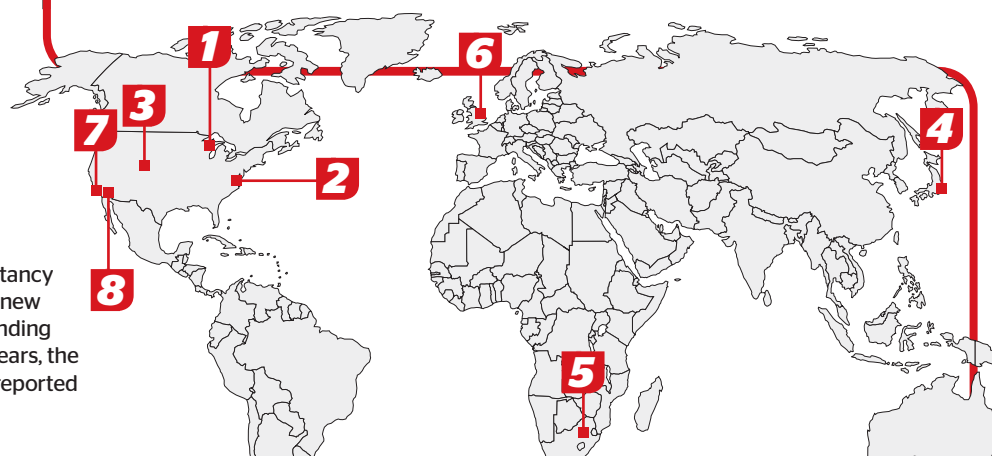
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U.S. life expectancy has risen to a new high, now standing at nearly 78 years, the government reported Wednesday.



Keeping his cool

6 A boy plays in the fountains Wednesday near the South Bank Centre in central London as unseasonably warm weather grips parts of Europe. **GETTY IMAGES**



O.J. gets some of his stuff back

7 **SANTA MONICA, Calif.** A California judge ordered some memorabilia returned to O.J. Simpson on Tuesday, even as the football Hall of Famer sits in a Nevada prison for stealing it during a hotel room heist.

In a ruling that capped more than a year of legal wrangling, Superior Court Judge Gerald Rosenberg on Tuesday gave nine souvenir footballs and a few other items to a lawyer for Simpson nemesis Fred Goldman for auction. Goldman is trying to collect on a \$33.5 million civil judgment against Simpson.

But in another odd twist, the judge said Simpson must get the first \$6,075 from the auction.

Rosenberg said it was possible that figure would not be reached, and then Goldman would get nothing.

The most satisfied litigant was memorabilia dealer Bruce Fromong, who was able to reclaim about 600 photographs and several books that he said were taken from him during the Las Vegas hotel room confrontation on Sept. 13, 2007.

During his trial, Simpson called it a sting operation designed to recover his memorabilia, which he said had been stolen from him.

Another of the participants in the dispute was Simpson's former manager Mike Gilbert, who asked for nothing at the hearing and received nothing.

Outside of court, Gilbert grumbled, “I think America is tired of O.J. Simpson, tired of Fred Goldman and tired of me. I just want it over.”

Family gets a sss-surprise visitor

8 A Southern California family got a slithery surprise when an 11-foot python turned up in their front yard.

Francisco Delgadillo, who lives near Lake Elsinore, says he was chatting with his sister on their porch Sunday night when he saw an enormous snake moving across the fenced yard.

The first animal control officer who saw the size of the critter had to call for backup. Two officers then wrangled the 50-pound snake into a truck and took it to a shelter.

Animal services spokesman John Welsh says the Burmese python's presumed owner, a long-distance trucker, contacted the agency. Welsh says the owner entrusted his pet to his brother while he was away and the snake escaped.

Welsh says if everything pans out, the snake, named Fran Swallow, will be returned home Wednesday.



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Chicago's Austin Washington (top) wins a header against Jovan Kirovski.



White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen (red shirt) participates in the pregame coin toss with L.A.'s Landon Donovan and the match referees.

L.A. GALAXY 2, FIRE 0

FIRE FIGHT

RedEye

Who needs David Beckham? The L.A. Galaxy star wasn't at Toyota Park for Wednesday's match between two of Major League Soccer's best teams, but you know who was? Electric stars Cuauhtemoc Blanco and Landon Donovan, a sold-out crowd of more than 20,000, a broadcast crew from ESPN2 and RedEye photographer Chase Agnello-Dean. This is all we'll tell you about the outcome of a wet and wild game: The Galaxy won 2-0 on goals by Mike Magee and Donovan. The rest we'll leave to Agnello-Dean's pictures.

REDEYE ONLINE

Do you dig the photos from Wednesday's game at Toyota Park? Check out more from the game on RedEye's photo blog at redeyechicago.com/photoblog.



Galaxy goalie Donovan Ricketts (right) lies on the field after a second-half collision in front of the goal.



Referee Silviu Petrescu issues a yellow card to the Galaxy, one of three he handed out in a rough game.



Mike Magee (center) celebrates with his teammates after scoring to give the Galaxy a 1-0 lead in the 23rd minute.



Landon Donovan (right) charges toward Chicago's John Thorington to tackle away the ball.



David Beckham plays at Toyota Park in 2007, his first MLS season. He was suspended for Wednesday's game. JOSE M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE FILE

Something missing

The L.A. Galaxy's star underwear model—excuse us, midfielder—David Beckham wasn't on the field Wednesday, suspended for making a dangerous tackle in his previous game. The English superstar didn't even make the trip to Chicago with his teammates. (Bollocks!) Frankly, we were bummed—and you'd better believe most of the fans in the sellout crowd were too. Why did we want to see Becks fully clothed on a soccer field? Here are our Top 5 reasons. **REDEYE**

5 **"Bend it Like Beckham"** isn't just the title of a coming-of-age flick that totally makes us cry at the end. On the soccer field, Becks is best known for his ability to kick a soccer ball with so much spin that it curves—or bends, if you will—an astonishing distance as it travels through the air.

4 **The dude is really, really good!** He is the only Englishman and just the 21st player in history to score goals in three World Cups (1998, 2002 and 2006). Can he make it four in 2010?

3 **Beckham, 34, began his professional career** with arguably the world's most popular sports club, Manchester United. Over 12 seasons and more than 300 appearances, he scored more than 80 goals, winning six Premier League titles, two FA Cups and the 1999 UEFA Champions League.

2 **He's married to Posh Spice**, a.k.a. Victoria Beckham. (Don't judge—we know you own "Spice World"!)

1 **Beckham, in his third MLS season**, has played in two games at Toyota Park and lost both. In 2007, the result even clinched a playoff berth for the Fire. It's like he's Chicago's good-luck charm! **SOURCE: MLSNET.COM**

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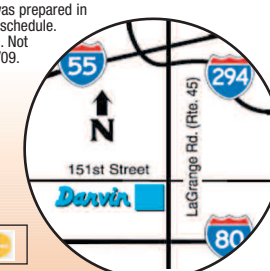
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Kevin Pang of CLTV's "The Cheeseburger Show" and Valerie Warner of "WGN Morning News" agreed to answer today's questions.

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1 The White Sox are off Thursday. Should they watch the Cubs game?	No, they should practice.	Just the ninth inning, as a morale booster.	You mean as a sort-of bizarro Tom Emanski instructional video?	Yeah, then they won't feel so bad!	Only if they can't find their DVD of "Miracle" or, in a pinch, "The Mighty Ducks."
2 How long will Carlos Marmol be the Cubs' closer?	Exactly 41 days.	Until he signs a two-year deal with the Indians in the off-season and bombs.	Is he still?	As long as Paul keeps up this wearing a tie to work thing!	Until Kevin Gregg wins it back in an epic thumb-wrestling contest.
3 Which former NFL star should the Bears consider bringing out of retirement?	John Madden. The hot air would render their opponents completely ineffective.	Bart Starr. That'll rip into the hearts of Packers fans.	Tommie Harris.	Favre ... oh, wait, he's not retired anymore!	Two words: Dit. Ka.
4 It's never too early to think of new taunts for Brett Favre. What's yours?	Hey, old dude! Wisconsin called. They want their cheese back!	Your sister's a whovre.	Hey, gramps ... oh, who cares?	Give it up!	Go back to Mississippi, hippie! (I'm terrible at this.)
5 With all of the Brett Favre coverage, which sports story hasn't gotten enough attention this week?	The Pirates won two games in a row. More important than Favre for sure.	Montreal Alouettes' impressive win over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the CFL.	What did Favre do?	Me signing my daughter up for soccer for the first time ever. Going to be some funny highlights!	Lou Piniella received a warning for jaywalking in San Diego. For real.

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Kane

Felony charge dropped

Blackhawks star Patrick Kane was indicted Wednesday in Buffalo on misdemeanor assault and theft charges after he

was accused of beating up a cab driver over a fare dispute. The grand jury dismissed a more serious felony charge of second-degree robbery, said Erie County District Attorney Frank Sedita III. At a U.S. Olympic hockey camp, Kane said he had not heard any details about the indictment and wanted to talk first with his lawyer. Arraignment is scheduled for Thursday.

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Peavy

Peavy addresses rehab

While Jake Peavy returned to U.S. Cellular Field on Wednesday to rejoin his teammates, it now appears he might not make his White

Sox debut until the end of an 11-game trip at the earliest.

"I don't think that's smart," Peavy said of focusing on a return date. "The time when I go out and am able to get six or seven innings under my belt, feeling good, knowing I'm able to execute a pitch in the seventh as well as I can do it in the first, and throw the ball where I want to at 100 percent, when I see that day, we're going to go from there."

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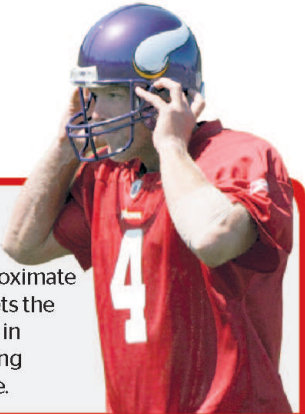


Facing questions about her gender, South African teenager Caster Semenya won the 800-meter gold medal Wednesday at the world championships in Berlin. Track and field's ruling body said she is undergoing a gender test, describing it as a "medical issue, not an issue of cheating."

Looking to extend their lead over the Cubs in the NL Central, the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday agreed to a deal with 42-year-old former ace John Smoltz. He was 2-5 with an 8.33 ERA in eight starts this season before being released by the Red Sox.

THE DIGIT

3,200 The approximate number of season tickets the Minnesota Vikings sold in the 24 hours after signing quarterback Brett Favre.



GETTY IMAGES

JAY TALKING

A day-to-day look at Jay Cutler's first training camp with the Bears.

Out in the open: Cutler started Wednesday night's practice at Olivet Nazarene completing all six passes in 7-on-7 drills.

Through the air: During full-team drills, Cutler mainly worked on handing off the ball on a run-dominated night. He had a ball intended for Desmond Clark picked off at the 2-yard line by Al Afalava and had a sharp pass over the middle to Earl Bennett for a 10-yard score.

Training camp rewind

BOURBONNAIS Bears camp packs up Thursday after a relatively quiet 22 days in Kankakee County. From Brian Urlacher's reported insult of Jay Cutler to Cutler's supposed knock on Devin Hester, the Bears may have delivered their biggest hits on the media for making something out of nothing. Yet on the field, there have been significant developments that need no exaggeration. Here is a quick review.



MOST IMPRESSIVE ROOKIE

Al Afalava

safety

Not much was expected out of the sixth-round draft pick. Yet Afalava has displayed a veteran's savvy and intelligence that complements a big-hitting style. He could start in a constantly reshuffled secondary.



MOST DISAPPOINTING ROOKIE

Juaquin Iglesias

wide receiver

With an undistinguished receiving corps, the best-case scenario would have had the third-round pick playing his way into the rotation. Like many Bears receivers, Iglesias needs more consistency that should come with experience.



MOST SURPRISING VETERAN

Chris Williams

right tackle

Hard to consider a guy with zero NFL starts a veteran, but so far he has looked athletic, aware and more than able manning the right side.



MOST DISAPPOINTING VETERAN

Nate Vasher

cornerback

If Vasher thinks he has been picked on by media for a lackluster preseason, wait until quarterbacks target him. He could lose his starting job.



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Did Brett Favre re-re-retire yet? Who does this guy think he is? Cher? Here now, my TV picks.



TRACK AND FIELD World Championships

12:30 p.m. Versus

Usain Bolt (above) sprints for gold—and another world record—in the 200 meters.

ATP Cincinnati Masters

11 a.m. and 6 p.m. ESPN2

This is the closest we get to hosting a Grand Slam tournament in Chicago.

PGA Wyndham Championship

1 p.m. Golf

I'm looking for the next Y.E. Yang.

MLB Cubs at L.A. Dodgers

9:10 p.m. WGN

At this point, I'm watching mostly out of habit.

» Terrell Owens ruled out for Saturday's game at Green Bay » Venus, Serena Williams to become latest celebs to own stake in Miami Dolphins

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Defensive deals

Your guide to NFL and NCAA game-watching at local bars

By Lisa Arnett

Is it just us, or has football season arrived faster than you can say "Jay Cutler?" The Chicago Bears' first pre-season home game is Saturday, with the first regular season game to follow on Sept. 13. And for college football fans, the NCAA season kicks off Sept. 3. Looking for a watering hole at which to huddle up with fellow fanatics? We've got the scoop on deals at 14 local bars.

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Clybar

2417 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-388-1877

TVs: 6

College allegiance: Purdue University

Game-day deals: \$4 22-ounce Bud Light drafts, \$7 22-ounce import drafts on Saturdays (starting Sept. 5); \$5 bloody marys and \$15 Miller or Coors buckets on Sundays.

The Stretch

3485 N. Clark St. 773-755-3980

TVs: 15

College allegiance: Michigan State University

Game-day deals: \$3 domestics, \$15 domestic beer buckets and \$5 32-ounce bloody marys on Saturdays for MSU games starting Sept. 5. Bear Down Brunch (11 a.m. through game's end) starts Sept. 13 on Sundays with \$5 mimosas, \$5 32-ounce bloody marys, plus \$5 buckets of mac 'n' cheese fritters, hot dogs and cheese fries.

LaSalle Power Co.

500 N. La Salle St. 312-661-1122

TVs: 8, plus a 167-inch video wall

College allegiance: Ohio State University

Game-day deals: \$10 tailgate buffet (10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sundays) with eats such as biscuits and gravy, mini-burgers, ribs and fried chicken, plus a \$5 bloody mary or mimosa bar.

The Shire

3328 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-935-6391

TVs: 7

College allegiance: Michigan State University

Game-day deals: \$10 buckets of mixed domestic cans, \$5 bomb shots and \$5 3 Olives vodka cocktails on Saturdays; \$5 bloody marys and \$4 beer-mimosas on Sundays. All deals apply for preseason Bears games only.



Division Ale House

1942 W. Division St. 773-384-6886

TVs: 8

College allegiance: None

Game-day deals: \$5 wings during all Saturday and Sunday NCAA and NFL games; \$3 Bud Light bottles on Saturday and \$5 PBR and Jameson shot combo on Sunday; \$6 pizzas and \$10 Bud Light towers during Monday Night Football.

Mary's Rec Room

5402 N. Clark St. 773-784-6969

TVs: 8

College allegiance: University of Michigan, Auburn University

Game-day deals: \$15 buckets of mixed domestic and American microbrew bottles on NCAA game days.

The Firkin & Pheasant

670 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-327-7040

TVs: 14

College allegiance: Michigan State University

Game-day deals: \$3 drafts and \$12 pitchers on Sundays; \$3.50 margaritas (\$14 pitchers), \$2.50 Coors Light drafts (\$10 pitchers) on Mondays. On Bears game days, fill out a free football square for the chance to win pub gift certificates and discounts. All deals start Sept. 1.

More NCAA!

Looking for a bar to watch the Fighting Illini or Wisconsin Badgers? Hit up metromix.com for more info on sports bars around town with college sports followings.

MORE DEALS

Bull & Bear

Half-price wings and \$3 Bud Light bottles on Saturdays and Sundays starting Aug. 29. 431 N. Wells St. 312-527-5973.

The Ledge

\$6 48-ounce domestic beer mugs, tailgate on the patio starting at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. 1745 W. North Ave. 773-252-6053.

Toasted Ox

Half-off draft beer, \$10 domestic buckets, \$15 import buckets, \$3 Jack and Captain shots or mixed drinks on Bears game days. 2470 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-697-4752.

Tilted Kilt

Make a reservation during the month of August to host your NFL Fantasy Football draft at the bar and score a free order of wings, a round of domestic drafts and a VIP season pass for 10 percent off future orders on NFL Football Sundays during the regular season. 17 N. Wabash St. 312-269-5580.

Theory

\$16 mix-and-match domestic beer buckets and \$6 mimosas on Saturdays and Sundays starting Aug. 31. 9 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-0004.

Market

\$3 Bud Light drafts, \$12-\$15 beer buckets, \$5 bombs and \$6 bloody marys on Saturdays and Sundays starting Sept. 5. 1113 W. Randolph St. 312-929-4787.

District Bar

\$3 Coors Light on Saturdays, \$15 domestic beer buckets on Sundays. 170 W. Ontario St. 312-337-3477.



best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
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Green Carpet Gala

District Bar,
170 W. Ontario St.

Mingle with eco-minded professionals and hear about Illinois' new holiday, Carbon Day (Sept. 15). Includes cocktails, appetizers and green exhibitors. 7 p.m. \$15 with RSVP required by 2 p.m.: carbodayevents.com. \$25 at the door.

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SummerDance

Grant Park, 601 S. Michigan Ave. 312-742-4007.

The fest draws to a close with the four final sessions. Music and dance styles include traditional Macedonian (6 p.m. Thursday), Chicago bop (6 p.m. Friday), jitterbug and swing (6 p.m. Saturday), and ballroom (4 p.m. Sunday).

'Project Runway'

Cityscape Bar, 350 W. Mart Center Drive. 312-836-5000.

See the first episode of the popular fashion design reality show while munching free appetizers. 9 p.m. No cover.

The Walk for Health Care

Bar Celona and Grill, 3474 N. Clark St. 773-244-8000. Meet activist Dr. Ogan Gurel, who recently walked from Chicago to Washington, D.C., to promote health care reform. Includes domestic beer, sangria, appetizers and raffles. 6 p.m. \$25.

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Summer Luau Party

Bon V, 1100 W. Randolph St. 312-829-4805.

Sheque Chicago hosts a girly-girl bash featuring Absolut cocktails, fashions from Dress Up Boutique and makeovers, manicures and massages. 6 p.m. \$20-\$30.

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Chicago Dancing Festival

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Fat Cat

7 p.m.: Dating for Gay Nerd Guys. Show off your board-game skills with other single men on the patio, plus get a cocktail and nerd swag. \$20-\$25. Registration: nerdsatheart.com; 4840 N. Broadway. 312-265-6085.

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7:30 p.m.: Arcadia Ales Beer Tasting. Sample

five beers from the Michigan brewery, including Shipwreck Porter and Hopmouth. Includes appetizers. \$30. RSVP required; 5420 N. Clark St. 773-334-9463.

Luxbar

10:30 a.m.: National Lemonade Day. Celebrate with \$5 Lemonhead martinis. No cover; 18 E. Bellevue Pl. 312-642-3400.

Theatro

9 p.m.: Hed Kandi Summer Beach House Party. Celebrate the start of Hed Kandi's residency at Theatro. Includes a Diamond Vodka and Sushi X reception (9-10 p.m.). DJ Airloom spins. \$20, \$10 before 11 a.m. with RSVP: rsvp@funkyculture.net; 858 W. Lake St. 312-455-8345.



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THURSDAY DEALS

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\$3.50 Corona and Corona Light bottles, \$4 Guinness drafts; 1935 N. Damen Ave. 773-904-8812.

ATMOSPHERE

Hot Mess Thursdays. \$3 well drinks, \$5 cosmos, \$8 Bud Light pitchers, DJ Chris Eterno, male dancers 10 p.m.; 5355 N. Clark St. 773-784-1100.

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\$3 Miller Lite bottles, \$3.50 Sam Adams seasonal drafts, \$6 burgers and chicken sandwiches; 3471 N. Elston Ave. 773-473-5263.

THE COACH HOUSE

\$2 Bud Light cans, \$3 SoCo Lime and Jameson shots, \$5 Bacardi cocktails; 950 W. Wolfram St. 773-665-5660.

DISTRICT BAR

7 p.m.: Chicago's Green Carpet Gala. Learn more about the green movement, the new statewide holiday Carbon Day (Sept. 15) and alternative energy vehicles at a party featuring fashion displays, organic artwork,

performance art, live music, appetizers and Rain vodka cocktails (7:30-9:30 p.m.). \$15 with RSVP by 2 p.m. Aug. 20: carbodayevents.com, \$25 at the door; 170 W. Ontario St. 312-337-3477.

EXIT

Bondage a-go-go. \$4 Jameson cocktails, \$3 black and blue drafts, DJ Mike spins industrial, DJ Mickey Massacre spins rockabilly; 1315 W. North Ave. 773-395-2700.

THE FIRKIN & PHEASANT

Wine Down Thursdays. \$3 glasses of house wine, \$5 champagne cocktails, \$12 bottles of house wine, \$15 select champagne bottles, half-price select wines; 670 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-327-7040.

GOODBAR

\$2 domestic bottles, \$3 well drinks, \$5 Bud Light pitchers; 2512 N. Halsted St. 773-296-9700.

HOLIDAY CLUB

\$1 off Absolut cocktails, \$5 20-ounce drafts, \$5 sloppy joe dinner (6-10 p.m.). Food specials dine-in only; 4000 N. Sheridan Rd. 773-348-9600.

JUNIOR'S SPORTS LOUNGE

35-50 cent wings, \$3 domestic drafts; 724 W. Maxwell St. 312-421-2277.

KROLL'S SOUTH LOOP

\$3 Leinenkugel drafts and bottles, \$3 Bacardi cocktails, \$3 Smirnoff cocktails, \$5 off pizzas. Food specials are dine-in only; 1736 S. Michigan Ave. 312-235-1400.

THE LEDGE

\$3 well drinks, \$3 Jameson shots or cocktails; 1745 W. North Ave. 773-252-6053.

LOGAN BAR AND GRILL

\$4 draft of the month; 2230 N. California Ave. 773-252-1110.

MARY'S REC ROOM

Thirsty Thursday. \$3.50 homebrew pints; 5402 N. Clark St. 773-784-6969.

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\$5 shot and a beer, \$10 kobe burger and a pint, \$4 Jameson shots; 415 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-829-6300.

SMALL BAR

\$4 North Coast drafts; 2956 N. Albany Ave. 773-509-9888.

STANLEY'S ON RACINE

\$2 all beer cans, \$3.50 Jameson shots, \$5 Three Olives bombs; 324 S. Racine Ave. 312-433-0007.

THE TONIC ROOM

\$3 Miller High Life bottles, \$4 Fat Tire drafts; 2447 N. Halsted St. 773-248-8400.

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\$5 pizzas, \$5 domestic pitchers, \$5 bombs; 228 S. Racine Ave. 312-243-9002.

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7 p.m.: Backyard Bags with Metromix. Join Metromix and Leinenkugel's for this bean bag tournament in the beer garden. Teams of two are eligible to sign up between 7-7:10 p.m.; eight teams will be randomly selected to play shortly after 7:15 p.m. A grand prize winner will be named at the end of the tournament and receive an outdoor prize pack with a portable grill and cooler. No cover; 3030 N. Racine Ave. 773-528-4400.



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That's Amore

By M. Kathleen Pratt

Their eats: When Cesar Pineda describes the Italian fare at Ciao Amore, his new 100-seat BYOB in Pilsen, as “grandma’s cooking,” he’s not referring to some generic, apron-clad stereotype of an Italian grandmother. He’s talking about the real Italian women who taught him to cook.

Though Pineda’s father is Venezuelan and he grew up in Caracas, his mom was born in Rome. When he was young, she made a point of teaching him to cook just like her mother taught her to cook, joking that some day, after he’d been married long enough that his wife would decide to leave him, he’d need to feed himself.

At Ciao Amore, Pineda stays true to Mom’s home-style fare. He appreciates modern Italian cuisine, he says, but you won’t

find pears atop his carpaccio or apples in his ravioli. It’s just not his style.

If you’ve been to **Caro Mio** (1825 W. Wilson Ave.), you already know what he means. Pineda’s

cousin owns the popular Ravenswood BYOB, and for eight years, Pineda worked in the kitchen and helped run front-of-house operations there. He’s cooking

similar fare at Ciao Amore, where the menu is loaded with simple, rustic dishes such as *pollo porcini* (\$18.95), chicken in a barolo-spiked porcini cream sauce with ricotta- and parmesan-stuffed ravioli; and Sicilian-style cioppino, brimming with mahi mahi, clams, shrimp, calamari and mussels in a classic, garlicky red sauce peppered with black olives (\$21.95).

Your drinks: Zip up Halsted



Street to the University Village outpost of **Lush Wine and Spirits** (1257 S. Halsted St. 312-738-1900), where the well-versed staff will hook you up with a bottle of vino.

For tomato-based dishes, including cioppino, an Italian red is the natural choice—try the Tenuta Olim Bauda Barbera d’Asti la Villa (\$18.50). If you’re thinking about ordering Ciao Amore’s popular *pollo porcini*, Lush manager Erin Drain recom-

mends a bottle of 2008 Rose of Pinot Noir from tiny Sonoma County producer Zepaltas (\$20). Dry enough to balance a rich cream sauce, it’s 100 percent pinot noir—a perfect pairing for earthy mushrooms.

Lush is open until 10 p.m. daily. Ciao Amore does not charge a corkage fee.

M. KATHLEEN PRATT IS THE METROMIX DINING PRODUCER. KPRATT@TRIBUNE.COM

And Chicago’s best falafel is ...

We asked you to vote for your favorite falafel in Chicago last week because we had a hunch you love falafel as much as we do. We were right. What we didn’t know was just how much you love falafel.

Our original poll focused on 10 spots, both newcomers such as I Dream of Falafel and old favorites like Oasis Cafe. With your help, the field quickly grew to a 16-way smackdown that included write-in candidates Taza Cafe, Taste of Lebanon, Taboun Grill and others. (Sorry, Pita Inn fans. That’s some good falafel, but voting was limited to restaurants within Chicago city limits.)

After more than 1,500 votes, a couple of busted attempts to stuff the ballot box and dozens of comments extolling the virtues of falafel, we have a winner: **Dawali Mediterranean Kitchen**, 4911 N. Kedzie Ave. New last year to falafel hotbed Albany Park, Dawali serves astonishingly cheap falafel and one of the best sandwiches around. Just ask for the “classic falafel” (\$4.25), a bundle of falafel topped with thinly sliced potato, eggplant, cauliflower and caramelized onions. —M. KATHLEEN PRATT

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8 p.m. Tips/donations. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

ALAN GRESIK'S SWING SHIFT ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. \$6. Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

ANXIETY HIGH, THE SCARE, LIVING STRUGGLE

8 p.m. \$5-\$8. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

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9 p.m. \$5 donation. Quenchers Saloon, 2401 N. Western Ave. 773-276-9730.

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8 p.m. \$5. FitzGerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Rd., Berwyn. 708-788-2118.

BEN HARTMAN

8 p.m. Free. Cornelia's Restaurant, 750 W. Cornelia Ave. 773-248-8333.

CARL WEATHERSBY, JOANNA CONNOR BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. \$15. Kingston Mines, 2548 N. Halsted St. 773-477-4646.

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9 p.m. Free. Rumba, 351 W. Hubbard St. 773-620-7909.

CHICAGO AFRO LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE

9 p.m. \$10. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

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9:30 p.m. Cover varies. B.L.U.E.S., 2519 N. Halsted St. 773-528-1012.

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8:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Velvet Lounge, 67 E. Cermak Rd. 312-791-9050.

EDDIE SHAW AND THE WOLF GANG

9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

GEORGE THOROGOOD AND THE DESTROYERS

8 p.m. \$22-\$50. Ravinia Festival, 200-231 Ravinia Park Rd., Highland Park. 847-266-5100.

GREENSKY BLUEGRASS

10 p.m. \$10-\$12. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

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8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

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10:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

MAT KEARNEY, PARACHUTE

Noon. Free. Pioneer Court, 401 N. Michigan Ave. 312-642-3570.

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4 p.m. Free. Park Grill, 11 N. Michigan Ave. Millennium Park. 312-521-7275.

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'Idol' on the move

Newsday

Since Kris Allen's surprise victory on "American Idol," the laid-back 24-year-old singer-songwriter from Conway, Ark., has been working nonstop, moving back and forth from the "American Idols Live" tour to working on his debut album.

"It's tough," says Allen, calling from a tour stop in Washington, D.C. "It's almost like you have to switch your brain over to the other side. It's a whole different animal. Touring is a whole different mind-set from recording."

Is touring what you thought it would be?

It's probably a little more work than I thought it would be, but other than that, the traveling is great. We're having a blast.

Can you talk about who you're working with on the album and what it will sound like?

I think I'm going to keep that under wraps

American Idols Live

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for now. We are working hard with some artists, some pretty big writers in L.A. and we're getting in some songs as well. We've got some pretty good stuff so far... I would say it's in the pop-rock genre—that genre is huge, but somewhere in there, with something a little bit different that I think people will like.

There was some controversy about you not singing "No Boundaries" in the set anymore. What happened?

We had it in there and the tour director came up to me with some other people and were like, "What if we put something a little bit more energetic in place of it?" I was like, "OK, let's see what we've got," and I came up with the idea of doing the Killers' song "All These Things That I've Done" and we just kind of ran with it. It was kind of a boost in my set.

So how do you feel about the song (co-written by "Idol" judge Kara DioGuardi)?

Um, no comment. I think it's a really good song.

Have you had any surprises on the tour?

I think the fans are a little bit crazier than I thought they were going to be. They like to touch you and sometimes in ways that maybe they shouldn't ... but those people buy records too.



Keri Hilson
AP

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Top downloaded songs for Aug. 11-18, 2009

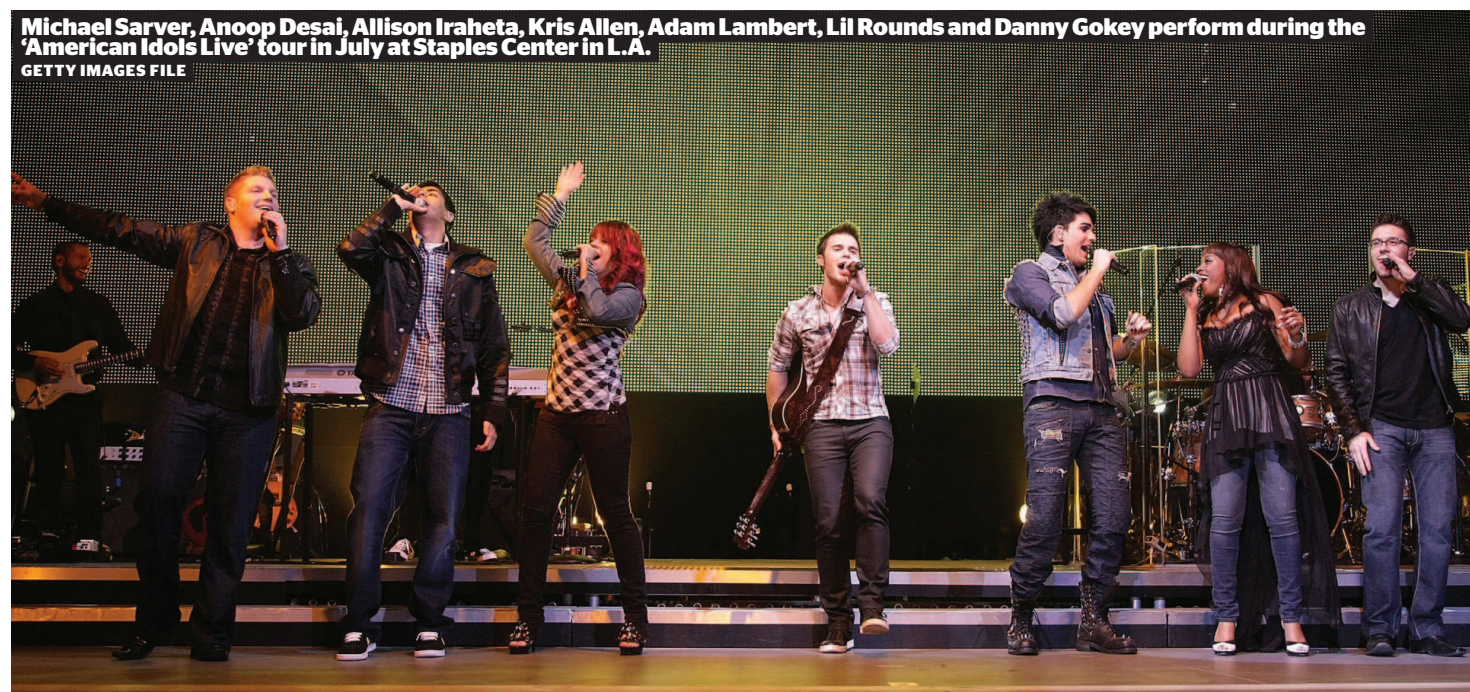
Chicago Top 10

No.	Song, Artist	LW
1	Knock You Down, Keri Hilson	1
2	I Gotta Feeling, Black Eyed Peas	5
3	Best I Ever Had, Drake	2
4	Break Up, Mario	7
5	Birthday Sex, Jeremih	3
6	Boom Boom Pow, Black Eyed Peas	4
7	Successful, DRAKE	11
8	Hotel Room Service, Pitbull	15
9	Ego, Beyonce Knowles	12
10	Pretty Wings, Maxwell	9

National Top 10

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4	Birthday Sex, Jeremih	3
5	Boom Boom Pow, Black Eyed Peas	5
6	Sweet Dreams, Beyonce Knowles	10
7	Bust It Baby, Plies	16
8	I'm Yours, Jason Mraz	4
9	Halo, Beyonce Knowles	7
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Gunning for Season 6

By Maureen Ryan

"Beautifully satisfied."

That's how Tim Gunn feels about Season 6 of "Project Runway," which debuts Thursday on Lifetime.

Though the guru of all things "Runway" and the mentor of the designers on the show pronounced himself satisfied with the new season, he said in a Monday interview that there was a learning curve, given that the show had a new production company and a new network.

"There wasn't a single solitary soul on the set other than me who knew what happened—who knew firsthand by being there, what happened from the time Heidi would deliver the challenge until the work would end up back on the runway to be judged," Gunn said. "I was the only one. There wasn't a crew member; there wasn't anyone."

But he's Tim Gunn; he made it work. Doesn't he always?

Maureen Ryan is The Watcher TV columnist for the Chicago Tribune. Below are highlights from her interview with Gunn:

» Some have criticized the new season for having too many experienced designers. "Make no assumptions about experience being

an asset. There have been people who've been asserting that it's not fair, that these people with more seasoning have an advantage. Not necessarily the case at all," Gunn said.

» One challenge in the first half of the season will set the "Runway" blogs on fire. Gunn called the outcome "unprecedented in 'Project Runway' history and even I will not fully believe it—that it really happened—until I actually see it."

» Because of the lawsuit between Lifetime and Bravo and their corporate parents, challenges that had been planned would have to be scrapped at the last minute. "We were doing challenges that integrated ABC shows and Disney [properties] that suddenly went away because we didn't know where the show was going to air. It was awful," Gunn said.

» "We have drama to beat the band, including a model who refused to wear the garment," Gunn said. "I'm in the sewing room begging her—well, not begging her. I'm quite firm in saying, 'This is your responsibility. It's not a matter of personal taste—you are a mannequin basically. A walking mannequin. Put it on.'"

» For the rest of the interview, visit

chicagotribune.com/watcher.



'Runway' guru Tim Gunn

Chicago native Ra'mon-Lawrence Coleman
LIFETIME PHOTOS

'Never a dull moment with Ra'mon'

The latest "Project Runway" designers bring quite a bit of professional experience—several of the 16 contestants have serious fashion-industry credentials—and of course, there are some larger-than-life personalities.

Of Chicago native Ra'mon-Lawrence Coleman, mentor Tim Gunn would only say, "There's never a dull moment with Ra'mon!"

Gunn also wrote on Lifetime's "Runway" site that, as a designer, Coleman "thinks too much."

Coleman, a graduate of south suburban Hillcrest High School, said in a phone interview that he took that statement as a compliment.

"I like to consider myself an intellectual person," he said. "I think it's better to think about things rather than throw things out there without any intent. So many people dabble in design with no clear vision."

Coleman, 31, took an unusual path to fashion design. At the University of Iowa, he was in a neuroscience program but began to have some doubts that science and medicine were his true callings. He returned to Chicago and ended up studying art history and fashion design at the School of the Art

Institute of Chicago.

"Something clicked—I thought, 'This is what you're supposed to be doing,'" Coleman said. And his study of anatomy and biology paid off, he adds.

"The way I approach design, I think about the human form," he noted.

Coleman ended up moving to Minneapolis and designing for Target, but after filming of Season 6 of "Project Runway" ended, he moved to Milwaukee and began working for Kohl's. These days, he's collaborating with "The Hills" star Lauren Conrad on the line of clothing she created for Kohl's.

Coleman wouldn't say if he had won the sixth season of "Runway," but he sounds quite happy about where his pursuit of fashion has taken him.

"I really don't know because there are so many opportunities right now," Coleman said when asked whether he would stay with Kohl's. "Whatever the outcome of the season, a lot of doors have been opened for me." **M.R.**





Models of the Runway

10 p.m.
Thursday,
Lifetime

The spin-off series focuses on the "Runway" models who seem to be just as competitive, and hard to get along with, as the designers.

Host
Heidi Klum

Reality hit returns with new setting, new network, new drama

Fashionably late

Associated Press

Fashion changes with the seasons, and so does "Project Runway."

The hit reality show that pits would-be designers against one another will have a new setting (L.A.), a new network (Lifetime) and a special guest judge (Lindsay Lohan) when it debuts its sixth season at 9 p.m. Thursday.

Fans with a taste for drama and design are no doubt eager for the return of their weekly fashion fix. Mired for months in a behind-the-scenes legal battle between two networks and producers of the program, new episodes of "Project Runway" have been off TV for nearly a year; reruns have played on Bravo.

"We did shoot the show almost a year ago, and it was in limbo for the longest time," said host Heidi Klum, fashion-forward in skinny jeans and towering stilettos despite being some seven months pregnant with her fourth child, the third with husband Seal. "We just filmed Season 7 in New York, which comes out in the beginning of next year—which will be funny because I will have had our baby already by then but then I'm pregnant again, so people will be all confused."

The trouble with "Runway" began in April 2008. The series, which aired for five seasons on Bravo, was caught up in a legal dispute involv-

ing NBC Universal, which owns Bravo, the Weinstein Co. and Lifetime. NBC Universal sued Weinstein after the production company made a reported \$150 million deal with Lifetime for the reality series.

Meanwhile, Klum, mentor Tim Gunn, judges Michael Kors and Nina Garcia, and a cast of 16 aspiring designers taped the show's sixth season. It was meant to begin airing in January and production wrapped in February. But the legal dealings weren't resolved until a settlement was announced in April, when NBC Universal said it would be paid by Weinstein for the right to move the show to Lifetime.

Klum remained optimistic throughout and is happy that no one revealed the winner during the show's unexpected hiatus.

Longtime "Runway" producer Barbara Schneeweiss was relieved too.

"It was a bummer because we had shot Season 6 and we all knew who the winner was, and this poor person had to wait, wait, wait," she said. "We got lucky considering all the obstacles. ... I feel like the passion is still there and people still want to see it."

The sixth season brings the show from New York to L.A., where contestants spend time at the city's Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising. The move was meant to inject

"a little fresh air to the show," Klum said, as well as pay homage to Hollywood's influence on modern fashion.

Still, fans can expect the show's usual dose of drama and designs gone wrong.

"We film the show in a matter of six weeks. It's really a major pressure cooker," Klum said. "What other big designers do in 10 days or two weeks, like make a haute couture gown, they have to do it in one or two days."

Plus, there's no respite for the contestants, who live and work together throughout production.

This season's crop of competitors includes aspiring designers from Yugoslavia, Moscow, the Republic of Georgia and all over the U.S. They range in age from 24 to 50. Some are straight out of art school, others are experienced designers. All are vying for the show's big prize: an editorial feature in Marie Claire magazine, a trip to Paris and a cash prize of \$100,000 to start a fashion line.

The only thing that might indicate that "Runway" took longer than usual to return to the air is Klum's wardrobe.

"I try to be with the trends because it is a show about fashion," she said. "If you look close to my shoes, maybe they'll be from last season."

Project Runway

9 p.m. Thursday, Lifetime

Aside from an extra blast of sunlight and the appearance of Lindsay Lohan (who looks sort of lost) as a guest judge, the long-delayed Season 6 opener follows an oh-so-familiar pattern. Heidi Klum looks as radiant as ever. Beloved mentor Tim Gunn and snarky mainstays Nina Garcia and Michael Kors also are back. You can't blame Lifetime for not wanting to fix something that wasn't broken.

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Project Runway: All-Star Challenge

7 p.m. Thursday, Lifetime

The two-hour, one-time special pits past "Runway" contestants against one another. Those competing for a \$100,000 prize are Season 2's Daniel Vosovic and Santino Rice; Season 3's Jeffrey Sebelia, Uli Herzner and Mychael Knight; Season 4's Sweet P and Chris March, and Season 5's Korto Momolu.



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Still groovy

The Woodstock music festival rocked the world 40 years ago, but its legacy lives on. All of the recent anniversary celebrations and an upcoming film from director Ang Lee aren't the only examples. Peace, music and the 1960s are back in the fashion world too. Pick up these hip threads and feel groovy, man.

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It's glam time

Chicago Tribune

Glamorama never gets old, even though this annual fashion show/concert/party is going on 11 years now, dating to before Marshall Field's morphed to Macy's.

This year's extravaganza, starting at 8 p.m. Friday at the Chicago Theatre, boasts a few firsts.

A new beneficiary

Glamorama ticket sales will benefit the Ronald McDonald House, replacing the Art Institute of Chicago. Ronald McDonald House provides food and lodging to families with hospitalized children. The charity is building its largest house in the world in Streeterville, near where the new Lurie Children's Hospital is being built downtown. Taking a cue from "American Idol" voting, guests at the fashion show will be able to text in additional donations during the fashion show.

Ne-Yo

The Grammy-winning Ne-Yo's performance during the fashion show is tied to his role as spokesman for the new Alfani Red line of men's suits and tailored separates sold at Macy's. (The jazz trio The New Standards and Jadyn Maria, a Ne-Yo protege, also will perform.)

New technology

"Rain curtain" technology will be used for the

first time in a North American fashion show, providing a runway rainfall effect in front of brands such as Jean Paul Gaultier, Just Cavalli, Marc Jacobs, MaxMara, Sonia Rykiel and more.

In the spirit of the "fusion" theme, the fashion segments will feature unconventional mixes of patterns and textures.

A special guest

Rumor has it that Miss Piggy will make an appearance, in conjunction with a retrospective of her couture on display through Sunday at Macy's State Street, which includes posters spoofing

popular shows and movies ("Sow and the City") and designs by Burberry, Lela Rose, Jason Wu and Louis Vuitton.

Extending the party

The post-party on the seventh floor of Macy's State Street will feature nearly 25 bars and food stations, Wii stations and the video game phenomenon "Dance Dance Revolution." Fire dancers will perform, and body painters will offer their services. The dance floor will pulse in the black-and-red room with DJ Mel DeBarge. For pre-event shopping, Macy's is selling the Glam Pass for \$10, which entitles the holder to 15 percent to 20 percent off that day's shopping and a coupon for \$10 off a purchase of \$50 or more on another day.

TICKET INFO

Glamorama tickets range from \$50 to \$1,000. Visit ticketmaster.com, thechicagotheatre.com or rmhccni.org. Or call 630-623-2105, 800-745-3000.

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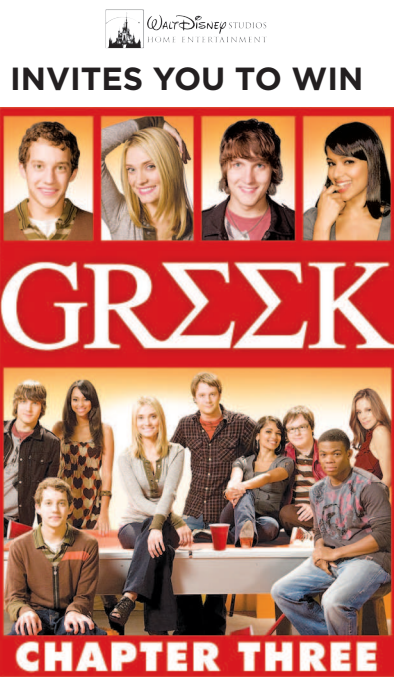
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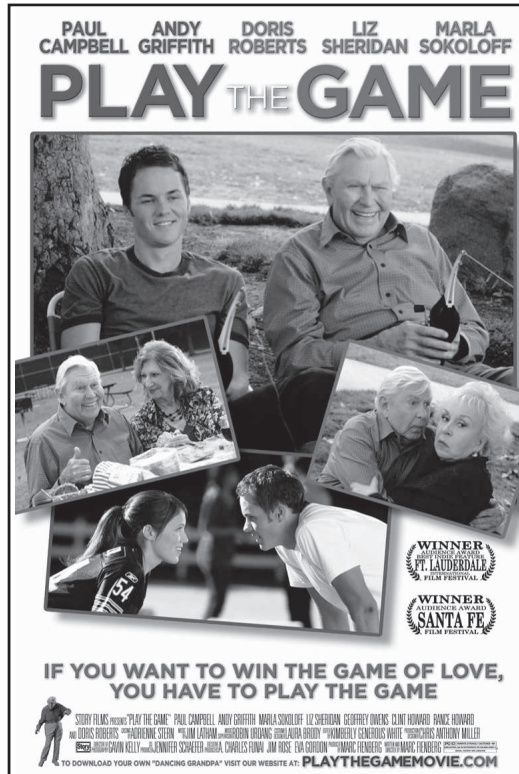


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- The Ugly Truth (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
- Harry Potter (PG) 3:15, 6:40
- Public Enemies (R) 10:05 P.M.
- The Hangover (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

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- Bandslam (PG) ★ 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10
- District 9 (R) ★ 1:15, 1:45, 4:00, 4:30, 6:45, 7:15, 9:30, 10:00
- Goods: Live (R) ★ 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
- Time Traveler (PG-13) ★ 1:30, 4:15, 6:50, 9:40
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) ★ 12:20, 1:20, 1:50, 3:20, 4:10, 4:40, 6:10, 7:00, 7:40, 9:00, 9:50, 10:30
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) ★ 12:45, 3:40, 6:40, 9:55
- Perfect Ge (R) ★ 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
- The Collector (R) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 10:15
- G-Force 3D (PG) 1:00, 3:45, 6:20, 8:50
- G-Force (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:20
- Orphan (R) 2:20, 5:10, 8:00, 10:45

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- District 9 (R) ★ 1:15, 1:45, 4:00, 4:30, 6:45, 7:15, 9:30, 10:00
- Ponyo (G) ★ 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10
- Goods: Live (R) ★ 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
- Time Traveler (PG-13) ★ 1:30, 4:15, 6:50, 9:40
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) ★ 12:20, 1:20, 1:50, 3:20, 4:10, 4:40, 6:10, 7:00, 7:40, 9:00, 9:50, 10:30
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) ★ 12:45, 3:40, 6:40, 9:55
- Perfect Ge (R) ★ 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
- Aliens-Attic (PG) 12:05, 2:20
- The Collector (R) 4:50, 7:20, 10:15
- G-Force 3D (PG) 1:00, 3:45, 6:20, 8:50
- G-Force (PG) 12:15, 2:40
- Orphan (R) 5:10, 8:00, 10:45

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- Time Traveler (PG-13) ★ 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30
- District 9 (R) ★ 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) ★ 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) ★ 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45
- 500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:25
- Funny People (R) 3:40, 9:45
- G-Force 3D (PG) 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30
- Harry Potter (PG) 12:30, 6:40

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- Bandslam (PG) ★ 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
- District 9 (R) ★ 1:35, 1:00, 2:20, 3:45, 5:05, 6:30, 7:50, 9:15, 10:35
- IngLOURIOUS (R) ★ 12:01 Midnight
- Ponyo (G) ★ 1:30, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40
- RiffTrax LIVE (NR) ★ 7:00 P.M.
- Goods: Live (R) ★ 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
- Time Traveler (PG-13) ★ 11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05
- 500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:35, 9:55
- Perfect Ge (R) ★ 1:25, 3:05, 10:20
- Adam (PG-13) ★ 12:00, 2:30, 4:55, 7:45, 10:25
- Funny People (R) 1:45, 5:00, 8:15
- G-Force 3D (PG) 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:35
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) ★ 11:40, 12:30, 2:25, 3:20, 5:15, 6:10, 7:00, 8:05, 9:00, 9:45, 10:45
- Harry Potter (PG) 12:05, 3:30
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) ★ 11:55, 1:25, 2:50, 4:20, 5:45, 7:15, 8:40, 10:10
- Paper Heart (PG-13) ★ 12:10, 2:55, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
- The Hurt Locker (R) 11:30, 2:35, 5:35, 8:35

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The childhood home of Michael Jackson in Gary, Ind.
AP FILE

Gary tour offers look at young Jackson's life

Associated Press

Before there was the sprawling Neverland ranch in California, before he became a superstar with the best-selling album of all time, "Thriller," a tiny house in Gary, Ind., was home for Michael Jackson.

Since Jackson's death, two women from Gary have started "The King of Pop Hometown Tour," taking busloads of tourists on a four-hour trek through Jackson family landmarks in northwest Indiana. The highlight is 2300 Jackson St., a small white-sided house as big as a two-and-a-half car garage where the Jackson family lived—with nine children—nearly four decades ago.

"This is a tour of motivation and inspiration," guide Denise Jordan Walker tells riders, as her partner Tecora Rogers readies the bus to leave. "We are not taking you to a gated community. We are not taking you to Neverland. We are taking you to Gary, Indiana."

On cue, a music video of the Jackson 5 plays on overhead screens as the bus pulls off from Chicago and travels south down the highway. A young Michael Jackson sings, "I'm going back to Indiana. Indiana here I come. I'm going back to Indiana. That is where my baby's from."

The women said they always wanted to host a Jackson-themed tour of Gary, but had put the idea aside to focus on a Chicago jazz music tour instead. After Michael Jackson's death in June, requests started pouring in, Walker said.

"It hasn't changed that much since the Jacksons lived here," Walker said. "It's pretty much like time stood still. We want to paint a picture and let people really feel what the Jacksons went through on a day-to-day basis."

The trip is taken on a smaller charter tour bus



A street sign in Gary, Ind.
AP

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Info: JWR Tours reservations, 866-717-8687, or thekingofpoptours.com

Souvenirs: T-shirts, framed pictures of Michael Jackson, CDs and buttons are available for purchase across the street from the Jackson family home.

that seats about two dozen people to allow for Gary's narrow side streets and to fit underneath low-hanging electrical wires.

One rider, Danielle Smith, a 21-year-old student from Park Forest, said she attended memorials after Michael Jackson's death. Seeing his childhood home put the singer's career into perspective for her, Smith said.

"To truly understand Michael you have to go where it all started, his beginning, their experiences in Indiana," Smith said. "It was really calming because I knew that's where he grew up, but there's a feeling of loss."



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MUSIC Third Eye Blind

"Ursa Major"

I'd say that Third Eye Blind is a guilty pleasure, except there's no reason to feel guilty about

falling for big-hooked, '90s-esque rock like "Can You Take Me" or escalating anthems like "Bonfire." Their first album since 2003 isn't as consistently catchy as career-best "Blue." But it's a welcome return for a band that hits the sweet spot more often than it misses, even if frontman Stephan Jenkins' words frequently undermine his band's music. I'm glad high school's long over but kinda envy the people who get to blast this—the first few songs, in particular—on their way into the parking lot.

MATT PAIS, METROMIX



VIDEO GAMES Shadow Complex

\$15 for XB360

Microsoft's Xbox Live Arcade saved its best downloadable game of the summer for last. In Shadow Complex, your

character is a hiker who, with his girlfriend, stumbles across a massive paramilitary complex in the mountains. Your sweetie is taken hostage, so you have to storm the facility—armed only with a flashlight at first. Of course, you'll quickly discover more lethal weapons. Combat isn't the main attraction, though. Shadow Complex is essentially a giant maze filled with clever puzzles and hidden prizes. LOU KESTEN, AP



'Glee' cast meet & greet

When: 3:30-6 p.m. Friday

Where: Hot Topic in Orland Square mall, 500 Orland Square, Orland Park

Fox brings the "Glee Tour" to the Chicago area, giving fans of the hilarious fall series "Glee" a chance to meet Lea Michele (Rachel), Cory Monteith (Finn), Dianna Agron (Quinn), Chris Colfer (Kurt), Kevin McHale (Artie), Amber Riley (Mercedes), Mark Salling (Puck) and Jenna Ushkowitz (Tina). Fans need to get to the Hot Topic store early, however, to purchase an "I'm a Glee" T-shirt in order to get a wristband that gets them into an autograph session. At 5:30 p.m., the cast will take questions from fans and show some clips from the series premiere, which airs Sept. 9. CURT WAGNER, REDEYE

GLEEKING OUT Sneak peek

What: The first 370 fans will get to see the fall premiere of "Glee," which is even funnier than the pilot that aired after the "America Idol" finale in the spring.

When: 10 a.m. Friday

Where: Orland Park Cinemas, 16350 S. LaGrange Rd., Orland Park

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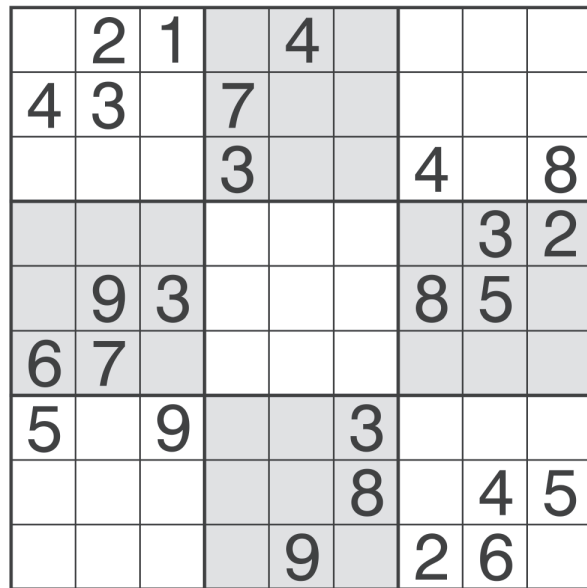


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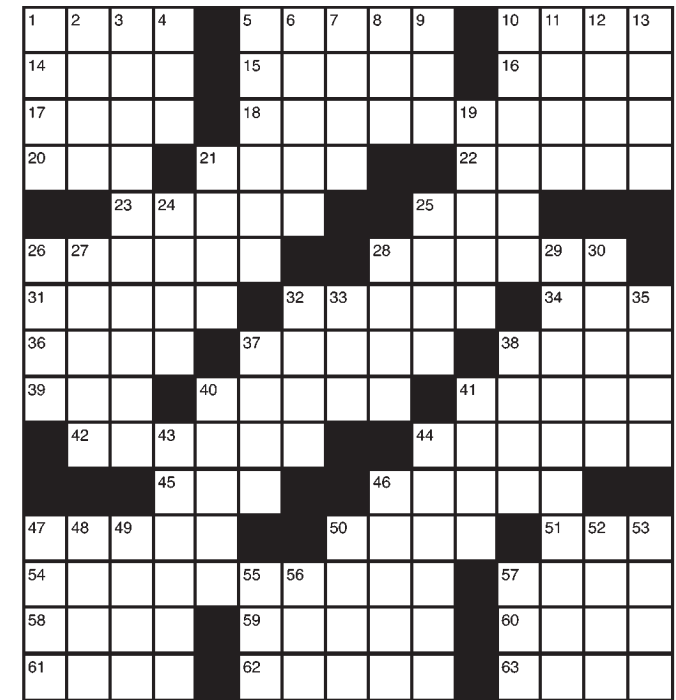
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- 23 Lawful
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- 26 Of a Navajo or Cherokee clan
- 28 Small finch
- 31 Altercation
- 32 Proclamation
- 34 "Car 54, Where _ You?"
- 36 Gorillas
- 37 Exchange
- 38 "Yikes!"
- 39 Affirmative
- 40 Musical composition
- 41 Legally binding
- 42 Get away
- 44 Scarcely
- 45 "Got a Secret"
- 46 Corridors
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- 51 Drinking vessel
- 54 Finishing
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- 58 Wicked
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- 63 Perched on

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Dear Jon

An open letter to Gosselin

TMZ was all over Jon Gosselin on Wednesday.

According to the gossip mongers, who cited an unnamed source, the "Jon and Kate Plus Eight" star is in preliminary talks for a new reality show. This new show, according to TMZ, is tentatively titled "Divorced Dad's Club." Reportedly, it's being shopped around by production company Endemol, which, aside from sounding like a male enhancement drug, also has produced shows including "Big Brother" and "Fear Factor."

No word from Gosselin about what the show would actually be about, but if he does sign on he's sure to get more than a few eye rolls. In that spirit, RedEye is drafting our own declaration of independence from the dad everyone loves to hate. Fill in the blanks to create your own "Dear Jon" letter.



Dear Jon,

Seriously, dude. Stop. We are so tired of all this gossip about

you and _____
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Get a day job. Volunteer. Do anything you want, but please

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_____ showboating.
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What about your _____? Surely you
KIDS/OFFSPRING/PAYCHECKS

can't think all this exposure is good for them. And you KNOW

Kate is going to go _____ when she
FRICKIN' CRAZY/NUCLEAR/BALLISTIC

reads yet another _____
FABRICATED/WELL-REPORTED/OBVIOUSLY TRUE

gossip item about you. Seriously? A show about divorced

dads? Give us a break. Thanks for your time, dude. Give us a

call the next time _____
HELL FREEZES OVER/YOU'RE NOT DOING SOMETHING
ANNOYING/SPACE AND TIME CEASE TO EXIST

Cheers!

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THE QUICK & DIRTY

- » Renee Zellweger steps out without Bradley Cooper
- » 3rd episode of "Mad Men" leaks on iTunes
- » Oliver Stone doing docs for Showtime

- » VH1 cancels "Megan Wants a Millionaire;" search on for contestant whose wife was murdered
- » Celine Dion preggers with 8-year-old frozen embryo

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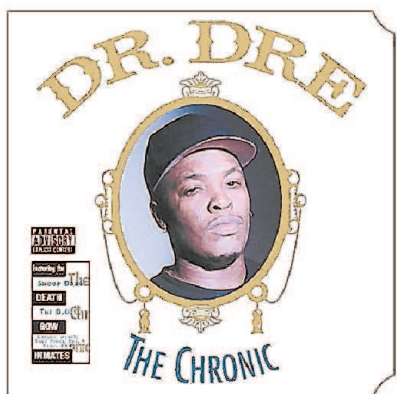
MASTER CLASS

Chicago, meet the master: Rick Bayless.

The owner/chef of Frontera Grill and Topolobampo spiced up the first season finale of "Top Chef Masters" on Wednesday night, coming away with the title and \$100,000 for the Frontera Farmer Foundation.

Bayless and finalists Hubert Keller and Michael Chiarello had to make a four-course meal that served as an autobiography of their food lives.

"Mmmm," is what the judges had to say--all together--about Bayless' Oaxacan black mole sauce. Back in Chicago, Bayless held a viewing party at Frontera Grill; guests included fellow chef and "Masters" contestant Art Smith.

**THE DIGIT****7**

The number of new tracks that will appear on the re-release of Dr. Dre's 1992 solo debut album, "The Chronic." It's due out Sept. 1, according to **mtv.com**.

**Top Chef Master
Rick Bayless**
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THE VELVET ROPE**Calling unhappy couples**

Is your hubby withholding? Does your wife belch after dinner? Is your marriage too much work? Jerry Seinfeld wants to help you out with the new reality series "The Marriage Ref." Greg Fieser, a casting producer for Seinfeld's NBC project will be conducting couples interviews for the series from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Navy Pier on Saturday. Seinfeld created and will executive produce the show, which will air in 2010. Learn more at **themarriagerefcasting.com**.

Love and marriage

Funny story about "Funny People" star Jason Schwartzman: He's married! The "Darjeeling Limited" and "Rushmore" actor wed clothing designer Brady Cunningham last month, according to **people.com**.

**Schwartzman**

Schwartzman's rep tells the mag it was a small ceremony in California "with many family members and close friends."

Judge Joe

"American Idol's" revolving door of celebrity judges just got more crowded. Joe Jonas is set to guest judge an audition round of the competition in Dallas on Monday, his publicist confirmed to **people.com**. Word is that Season 1 champ Kelly Clarkson also is set to guest, though there was no confirmation from her camp as of Wednesday.

Indecent proposal

It looks like Levi Johnston's 15 minutes of fame may be extended by a couple of hours. The Web site **straightcollegemen.com**

has offered Bristol Palin's baby daddy \$25,000 to star in an adult video—"more than 50 times the regular [pay]," according to an open letter posted on **levinaked.com**. The company also said it would pay for his first-class airfare, hotel accommodations and limo service while he was in Las Vegas for filming. How classy.

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